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## CAMPAIGN FINANCE DIVISION

☒ **WAIVER REQUEST**  
☐ **RECONSIDERATION REQUEST**

**DATE: 9/1/2020**

**DOCKET #:**

### FILER INFORMATION

Name: Scott Discon  
Office: Council Member III, City of Mandeville  
Parish: ST. TAMMANY  
Election Date: 7/11/2020  
Level of Office: Any

### REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: ANN2019  
Original Due Date: 2/18/2020  
Date Filed: 2/26/2020  
Activity Receipts: \$12,60.29  
Expenditures: \$13,027.15  
Funds at Close of Reporting Period: \$-1,466.86

### LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$320  
Days Late: 8  
Late Fee Order Received: 5/15/2020  
Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 6/4/2020  
Waiver Request Received: 5/15/2020  
Additional Information Requested:

- Medical
- Financial
- Other

COMMENTS: Scott Discon request a waiver and states the following: This is his first attempt at public office and simply misunderstood the proper date of filing. Ironically, he originally completed his Ethics Report for 2019 prior to New Years of 2019, but he read that it was not due until a much later date. He erroneously left it on his office desk and missed the filing. HE had no one to blame but himself however HE ask that the fine be waived due to the exuberant costs of this campaign being extended now to July 11, 2020 because of the Covid pandemic, He will now have to restart his campaign as of May 15 2020 to the finish line of July 11, 2020. Many candidates have spent their war chest and the voters are very distracted and weary. He is going to have to raise additional campaign contributions or expend personal funds to get to hopefully win this election.

### OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

Campaign Finance:

Other Outstanding Reports: No  
Other Outstanding Late Fees: No  
Prior Late Fees: No  
Reassessed Late Fees: No

Disclosure Statements:

Other Outstanding Late Fees: No  
Prior Late Fees: No

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May 15, 2020

LA Board of Ethics  
P.O. Box 4368  
Baton Rouge, LA 70821

**RE: Scott Discon Late fee assessment for the July 11, 2020 Election**

Dear LA Board of Ethics:

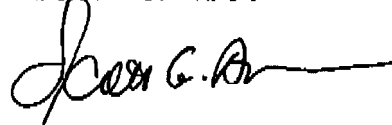
I apologize for the 8-day delay in my filing of my "first time" 2019 Annual Campaign Finance Report for my campaign for City Council in Mandeville, LA. This is my first attempt at public office and I simply misunderstood the proper date of filing. Ironically, I originally completed my Ethics Report for 2019 prior to New Years of 2019 but I read that it was not due until a much later date. I erroneously left it on my office desk and missed the filing. I have no one to blame but myself, however I ask that the fine be waived due to the exuberant costs of this campaign being extended now to July 11, 2020. Because of the Covid pandemic, I will now have to restart my campaign as of May 15, 2020 to the finish line of July 11, 2020. Many candidates have spent their war chest and the voter is very distracted and weary. I am going to have to raise additional campaign contributions or expend personal funds to get to hopefully win this election.

I appreciate any consideration and I will be more vigilant in my filings moving forward. I personally raised all my campaign contributions proudly and I have a duty to my donors to work diligently and ethically. My apologies to the Louisiana Board of Ethics.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

SCOTT G. DISCON



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Enclosure



STATE OF LOUISIANA  
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**LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS**

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May 11, 2020

Mr. Scott Discon  
142 Carroll St.  
Mandeville, LA 70448-5706

**CERTIFIED MAIL**

NO. 70191640000163300388

RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

RE: Late fee assessment for the July 11, 2020 Election  
2019 Annual Campaign Finance Disclosure Report filed 8 days late

Dear Mr. Discon:

Enclosed is an assessment of a late fee pursuant to La R.S. 18:1505.4 and La. R.S. 18:1511.4.1. Please submit a check or money order in the amount of \$320 payable to the Treasurer of the State of Louisiana to P. O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821. Please note that late fees can only be paid by the candidate or by his campaign.

**You have 20 days from receipt of this letter to dispute this assessment. You may elect to do either or both of the following:**

1. You may submit your request for a waiver to the attention of the Louisiana Board of Ethics.

Waivers are handled by the Ethics Board. The Board of Ethics may reduce, suspend, or decline to waive a late fee assessment based on the cause shown by the person, candidate, or political committee. If you submit a request for a waiver of the late fee to the Board of Ethics, your request should contain details as to why, in your opinion, you have good cause why your report was not timely filed. Also, if you would like to appear before the Board of Ethics in connection with your request, you should state that in your letter. The request should be submitted to the attention of the Board of Ethics at the following address: P. O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821 or fax at (225) 381-7271.

2. You may appeal the assessment directly to the Ethics Adjudicatory Board (EAB).

Appeals to the EAB are proceedings before a three judge panel. The determination is made regarding whether the person, candidate, or political committee was required to file the report and whether the report was filed late. **Mitigating factors are not considered during an EAB proceeding. The EAB does not have the authority to reduce, suspend, or waive a late fee assessment.** If you choose to appeal the assessment to the EAB, you should submit your request for an appeal to the attention of the Executive Secretary of the Louisiana Board of Ethics at P. O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821 or fax at (225) 381-7271.

If you timely submit a waiver request or appeal, your name will not be posted on the website pending the result of your appeal. Furthermore, if you request an appearance, you will be notified of the place and time prior to the meeting.

If you do not pay or dispute the assessment of the late fee within 20 days from the receipt of this letter, the matter will be forwarded to the Attorney General's Office to pursue collection. If the matter is forwarded to the Attorney General's Office for collection, you may be responsible for all additional costs incurred. Additionally, late fees not paid by the due date will be posted on the agency website.

*You should be aware that unpaid campaign finance fines, fees or penalties may have an adverse effect on your ability to run for public office in the future, as the Board of Ethics will object to your future qualifications for candidacy for public office pursuant to La. R.S. 18:491 and R.S. 18:492.*

Sincerely,

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS

Melissa Horn

**STATE OF LOUISIANA LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS**  
**acting in its capacity as the**  
**SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE ON CAMPAIGN FINANCE DISCLOSURE**

**In Re:        Scott Discon**  
**July 11, 2020 Election**

**LATE FEE ASSESSMENT ORDER**

**WHEREAS**, Scott Discon, in his capacity as a candidate for Council Member III, City of Mandeville in the July 11, 2020 election was required to file campaign finance reports pursuant to La. R.S. 18:1484.

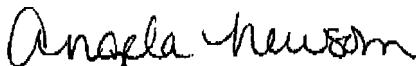
**WHEREAS**, La. R.S. 18:1505.1 provides that it is a violation of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act to fail to timely file campaign finance reports.

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1495.4E, Scott Discon was required to file an Annual Report by February 18, 2020. Scott Discon filed the report on February 26, 2020 and was 8 days late.

**WHEREAS**, La. R.S. 18:1505.4A(2)(a)(iii) provides that an automatic late fee of \$40 per day (not to exceed \$1,000) be assessed against Scott Discon for this late filing.

**ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED** that a late fee of \$320 is assessed against Scott Discon for failure to timely file his campaign finance disclosure report.

**ORDER** signed on the 11th day of May 2020 at Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

  
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Angela Newsom, Director  
Campaign Finance & Lobbying Division

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## TELECOPIER TRANSMITTAL SHEET

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TO: *Melissa Han, LA Dept of Ethics*

FAX NO.: *(225) 381. 7271*

FROM: *Scott Discon, Esq.*

DATE: *5/15/2020*

RE: *Late Fee Assessment Warner*

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If you have any problems with this transmittal, please call (985) 674-9748

### COMMENTS:

*Melissa,*

*Please accept my  
Warmest Regards.*

NOTICE

*Thank you,  
Scott Discon*

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